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THE NEWS.

The cable telegrams are dated March 27 Advices from Madrid point to the probability of the Duke of Montpensier being elected to the Span-

The Gaulois, a semi-official French paper, says that the Emperor has made a demand on the King of Prussia calling for an explanation of the recent

mobilization of troops on the western frontiers Friendly relations between the Hellenic and Turk-

izh governments have been restored. The North German Lloyd's steamship Deutschland Capiain Neynaber, arrived here at an early hour this morning. She brings three days' later details of our cable despatches. In another part of the paper wil be found an interesting resume of news from our special correspondents in several of the European

Telegrams received in London yesterday from Hong Kong China, announce the loss of the Pacific Mail steamship Herman, with a number of Japanese troops on board. Paraguay. General Polydoro has been assigned to the com

The Paraguayans, at a public meeting, it is said have petitioned the ailies to form a provisional gov-Cubn.

mand of the alited forces operating against Lopez

The reported great battle near Remedies w merely a small skirmish. The steamship Comandi tario, which plies between Havana and Cardenas, has been overdue at Havana for some time, and it gers on her last trip and taken to Nassau.

Havtl.

Advices from Port au Prince are to the 18th inst. dered condition that the naval crews are disco tented and grumoling for their pay. This renders Salnave's situation somewhat precarious, and there is, besides, much feeling against him in the capital. The whites and blacks are at enmity, and assass tions are feared.

Nothing had been heard at St. Thomas up to the 16th inst, of the Peruvian monitor

The Legislature.

The Assembly held a session yesterday and bills were introduced relative to the condition of several railroads; to punish frauds in canvassing, counting or returning votes cast at elections; making words imputing want of chastity to a iemale actionable per se, and several others. Several bills were reported, including one relative to the Nursery and Child's Hospital of New York city. A number of unimportant bills, including several relating to New York and Brooklyn, were ordered to a third read-ing. The Assembly then adjourned until half past seven o'clock Monday evening.

President Grant is quite ill, partly with neuralgia and partly from exhaustion, consequent upon his unremitting labor since his inauguration. He has attended to business matters from eight in the mornmatters from eight in the morning until twelve at night nearly every day. Visitors

self. Mayor Burgess, of Petersburg, is removed. It is supposed that Governor Wells is suspended in consequence of the accusation of mail robbery pre-ferred against him. The letter purioined, it is understood, contained a plan which it was alleged Gov-ernor Wells and other radicals had agreed upon for the purpose of selling out the republican party in

General Order No. 11, which directed all chiefs of departments and bureaus to serve on the staff of General Sherman, and submit their reports through him instead of through the Secretary of War, has been rescanded. Only orders and instructions rela-tive to military operations will be issued through

General Sickles, at his own request, has bee ordered before the Returng Board for examination.
General Adelbert Ames has been assigned to duty
as Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau
in Mississippi and General J. J. Reynolds to the same

The Buffato Board of Trade, with but one di ing voice, has endorsed the resolutions of the New York Produce Exchange calling for the enlargement of the State canals and a general reform in their

loston Hide and Leather Bank, recently sente to the penitentiary, was yesterday discharged in accordance with President Johnson's pardon. Two other criminal indictments against him were produced by the prosecuting attorney, upon which I gave ball in \$30,000 to answer.

During the month of February there were 352,443 letters received from and 377,385 mailed to Europe through the New York Post Office.

The investigation into the shooting of the convict Lockwood will be commenced at Coroner Flynn's office on Monday. A statement made by Alfred Lawrence, a constable, shows that the shooting wa done after the convict had surrendered, and that the keepers treated him most brutally after he was

Theodore Ailen was brought before Justice Led with yesterday on a charge of assaulting a deputy sheriif and rescuing a prisoner. As the charge was not fully substantiated he was discharged, but the whereabouts of the reputed prisoner is unknown. Allen is also a deputy sherif, and the matter was re-ferred to his chief.

Among the incomes reported in Brooklyn are the following:—Henry Ward Beecher, \$21,175; J. W. Harper, \$58,515, and H. B. Cladin, \$350,000. The stock market yesterday was dull, but gene-

rally firm. The exceptions were New York Central and Pacific, which were quite irregular. Gold was

dull, closing finally at 131%.

There was but little activity in commercial circles yesterday, though some of the markets were fairly active and higher. Cotton was steady at 28%c. for middling upland, with a moderate demand. Grocer generally at &c. a 10c. higher prices. Wheat was in active demand and prices were higher, particularly for spring and California, the former closing at \$1 48 bid for No. 2 and the latter at \$1 65 bid and \$1 70 asked. Corn was dull and lower, closing at 86c, a 87c, for new mixed Western. Oats were in fair demand and higher. Pork was moderately active and firm, while bee firm. Petroleum was quiet and decidedly lower, crude (in bulk) closing at 18c. a 1814c. and refined at 50% c., while strained rosin was freely dealt in, and

Governor Bullock and E. Tweedy, of Georgia; Caj tain Lindsay Brine, of the royal navy, England, and Ezra Cornell, of Ithaca, are at the Fifth Avenue

Martyn, of the steamship Siberia, and V. A. Sartori, of Philadelphia, are at the Hoffman House.

Governor Pierpont, of West Virginia; Charles Wen dell, of Chicago, and H. H. Starkweather, of Norich, are at the Aster House.
Miles B. Hackett, of Albany; Colonel J. Ricker, of

na, and Judge J. H. Leroy, of Orange, N. J., are at the Metropoutan Hotel.
Captain B. H. Chadbourne, of Chicago, and Charles

he St. Charles Hotel. General T. B. Smith and W. Hooper Harris, of Tennessee, and A. Andris, of Belgium, are at the

Maliby House.

W. O'S. Deinffel, of Philadelphia, and Lorenzo Mr. J. C. R. Davis, Assistant United States Secre

Orlando Tompkins, of Boston; R. M. Sherman of Providence, and E. P. Dutton, of Boston, are at the Westminster Hotel

Prominent Departures

Raron Schlözer and Colonel S. M. Johnson seft vesterday for Washington; General Burnside for Providence, R. I.; Judge Kattell and Judge Balcom for Binghamton; J. J. C. Abbott for Canada; Captain Kennedy and Lewis Leland sailed in the City of

The Approaching Ecumenical Council-The Pope's Invitation to the Sovereigns.

It is a curious and not uninstructive fact that the Catholic hierarchy at this peculiar juncture in the history of Christianity should have so much set their hearts on reviving, with much of ancient pomp and splendor, the institution once known so well under the name of Ecunenical Council. For three hundred years such a council has been deemed an impos bility. Since the days of Pope Paul III., who in 1545 convened the celebrated Council of Trent-a council which accomplished but little good, although it lasted for eighteen yearsno occupant of the holy chair has been bold enough to venture upon so grand an experi-ment. An Ecumenical Council, since the failare of that of Trent, has, in fact, by the entire Protestant Church, as well as by a large sec tion of the Catholic Church, been deemed an impossibility. Strictly speaking an Ecumenical Council is a council representing the entire of Christendom-the Church of the whole earth. On this account it is the Greek or Eastern Church regards as ecumenical only the first seven councils. The Latin Church makes out nineteen general councils; but in the great councils of the West the Eastern Church was never properly represented. Some there are who, belonging to neither the Greek nor Latin communion, hold that the first seven were Greek councils, that the latter twelve were Latin councils, and that, therefore, there never has been an Ecumenical Council in the proper sense of the term. It is certainly somewhat difficult now to see how, with the Eastern Church unrepresented and with the Protestant Churches unrepresented, an Ecumenical Council is possible. These, however, are questions rather for the ecclesiastics than for us. . What we mean to say is that, all things considered, it argues very considerable boldness on the part of Pius the Ninth and his advisers to decide upon convening a General Council.

Since the announcement was officially made that a General Council would be held in Rome in December, 1869, nothing has been left undone to make it as general and as much a success as possible. Invitations have been issued, not to the archbishops and bishops of the Catholic Church only, but to the representative heads of the Greek and Gothic Churches as well. We have not heard that there is any likelihood of the Patriarch of Constantinople or any of his suffragans responding to the call of his Holiness. The "Ecumenical Patriarch" is, in fact, reported to be rather indignant at

the presumption which such an invitation ed to indicate. Whether the Archbishop of Canterbury has made any reply has Indeed not yet been made public. we have no reason to believe that the bishops of the Eastern Rite, as Pius the Ninth rather contemptuously named, them or the rapresentatives of the Protestant churches, will prove themselves Catholic enough to accept the invitation and take the places that may be provided for them in the forthcoming Council. One of our latest cable despatches from Rome informs us that the Pope has just invited the sovereigns to send ecclesiastics to represent them in the approaching Council. This shows that his Holiness has not abandoned the hope of having a council very general in its character, and encouraged and sanctioned by the pomp and power of the secular arm. There can be no doubt that France and Austria and all other Catholic monarchies of Europe will comply with the invitation and send their representatives. Russia, of course, will send none: nor will Great Britain, nor Holland, nor Denmark, nor Sweden; but there is very good reason for believing that Prussia is anxious to take her place. The King of Prussia now rules over a large Catholic population, and if King William does send a representative or representatives, as the case may require, he will only be acting in harmony with his past policy and with his present interests. Bismarck we may rest assured, will take good care that nothing be done to give cause of offence to the Catholic population of South Germany. But what about the New World? What abou the sovereign people? The Emperor of Brazil will be represented. Why not President Grant and President Juarez and the rest of

no doubt, attend to all this. It will not be wonderful if some little trouble is experienced in apportioning to each nation its proper representative rights. There is the question of place and there is the question of numbers. It may be difficult to give to each nation its proper place and to determine which nation shall have only one and which nation shall have more than one representative. In the days of the Holy Roman Empire the Emperor, of course, had the first place. But the Holy Roman Empire is no more, and since it ceased to exist there has been no General Council. Austria will, no doubt, claim that place. The Casar is no longer the head of Germany; and, as the ambition of Napoleon is quite equal to the situation, we shall not be surprised if the heir of his uncle takes the premier position in the Ecomenical Council of 1869 This is one of the many interesting questions which gather around the show. As, however, it will be the last semireligious, semi-secular farce of the kind, the issues will be of comparatively little

them? The committee of arrangements will,

What the Council intends to do is of course as yet a hidden mystery. Whether the mystery will ever. be revealed, or whether the revelation will be of any service to humanity is another question. Many important questions require to be settled. The Church wants to know what it should and what it should not believe. It wants, for example, some authoritative and final declaration in regard to the Immaculate Conception. It is equally concerned about the Pope's infallibillity. Then there is the old question about the divine rights of monarchs—a question which is receiving almost every year fresh and rather startling illustrations. We want this Council to speak out-to speak out manfully; and us the infallibility of Ecumenical Councils is a dogma of the Church, there is no reason why the humble and the simple-minded should not henceforward bave their pathway made smooth and easy before them. In these times what we want above everything else is an anthoritative voice. If that voice comes not directly from above, it must come through the Church. The approaching Ecumenical Council is for the Church a grand opportunity. We

await the result with patience. THE KING OF SPAIN .- By special cable telegram from London we learn that Spain is to obtain a king in the person of Louis de Orleans, duc de Montpensier, who will arrive in Madrid within a fortnight and assume the royalty voted by the existing authorities. The duc de Montpensier is a Bourbon, the fifth child of the late King Louis Philippe, of France. The Spanish vote limits his term of enure of office to eighteen years, the exact period during which his father swayed the desnies of the French people.

WHIPPING THEM IN .- The republican supporters in the House of General Butler for he absolute repeal of the Tenure of Office law have the constitution, the rights of the President, the rights of the House and the will of the people on their side, and they have the issue in their hands, with the democrats to back them. Let these republican repealers, therefore, hold fast to their position avoid a party caucus on the subject if they would be free men. If they go into a caucus they go to be whipped into the party' traces and to become slaves to the majority of the caucus. We have had enough of the sinking of independent thought and action in these party caucuses, and this is a good time for outting an end to this miserable sort of

INFANTILE PRECOCITY.-The St. Charles Minn.) Herald contains an account of an nfant only three months old who can talk as well as its grandmother. This is nothing at all strange. The copperhead papers have een endeavoring to show for the past year or two that a full-grown man, fifty years old, can't talk at all.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMONG THE WOMEN.—It is reported that a female beauty, of African 'scent has been added to the lovely feminines of the Treasury Department. With a few more of the same sort, and a few Indian, Mexican and Chinese belles, the ladies' branch of the department will be complete, and then will come

THE BALANCE OF POWER. -- We told the forty-odd democrats in Congress at the beginning of the present session that they were the potential quantity there, and that they might decide every vital question if they would fol-low any intelligent lead—in fact, any lead but that of Booby Brooks. By the vote on the Tenure of Office law, in which they had the sagacity to follow keen Ben Butler, they have natified our declaration, and can see the power

Progress of the Hernid-A Branch Office in Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn Morning Union, an enterprising little journal published in the City of Churches, printed the following announcement

in its issue yesterday :-We learn that the shrewd and venerable pro of the New York Herallo, with characteristic ciation of the business lacilities of the situal We learn that the sirewed and venerating proprietor of the New York Herallo, with characteristic appreciation of the business lacilities of the situation, is about to establish an imposing Herallo dice in Brooklyn. The location selected is on Fulton, near sands street, contiguous to the proposed terminus of the areast bridge. Such instances as this are but the natural results of the recent rapid advancement and growth of our beautiful city. Considering the outrush of old resident New Yorkers from that bonded warehouse across the river, the great influx of home-seckers within our own borders, and the astorishing success of the Morning Union, we are tempted to wonder how long a time will close with all their office goods and trappings to the windows of our Brooklyn Ark.

The Brooklyn Union is perfectly correct in its announcement of our intention, and appears to entertain a very fair and accurate appreciation of our motives and the reasons therefor. Reflecting as it does the daily expanding interests, the increasing wants, the mmercial necessities and ever multiplying interests of New York and the surrounding suburban cities, and reaching as it does a million of readers daily, we have been convinced for some years past that the HERALD office in New York was inadequate to supply completely the demands made for our journal by the public. The most incessant care and enterprise were not enough. The publication of triple sheets occasionally, then the issue of triple sheets daily, and even the printing of quadruple sheets almost failed. Our news columns were trenched on by advertisements at all seasons of the year, so that the conviction has been forced upon us that a bringing of the HERALD iome to our readers has become an absolute public requirement. Convinced we act, and Brooklyn, one of the most enterprising and expanding first class cities in the Union, will experience the first effects of our enterprise.

We will bring the HERALD at an 'early hour, and with regularity, daily to the doors of our fellow citizens at the other side of the East river. No more need of our advertising patrons crossing the ferries in order to reach our new establishment corner of Ann street and Broadway. Since the opening of this building a new and most heavy business has been evoked for the HERALD in New York and, as we have intimated, Brooklyn could scarcely be accommodated here. Such are a few of the cogen: reasons which compel us to the step so accurately reported by the Union. On Thursday morning next we shall open a branch office of the NEW YORK HERADD at No. 145 Fulton street, Brooklyn. At this establishment the carriers of the HERALD on the other side of the river will be supplied, receiving their papers at an early hour in the morning. Advertisements for the HERALD will be received there; letters for the HERALD will be taken and duly forwarded to the office, and all necessary business transacted with despatch and accuracy. We live in an age of progress and are determined that the HERALD shall be kept fully equal to its exigencies.

Ocean Cables on Our Shore.

Several bills are now before Congress in regard to the landing of ocean telegraph cables on our shore, but that which is entitled to the most favorable consideration of that body is Senate bill No. 127, presented by Mr. Fenton on the 15th inst. This bill provides that on all telegraph lines or cables between the United States and foreign countries our government shall enjoy the same privileges enjoyed by any foreign government; that our citizens shall enjoy the same privileges in regard to tells as are enjoyed by those of the most favored nation, and that our government and citizens shall at all times be entitled to the use of the line. Any and every telegraph company formally accepting these provisions may at once establish its lines within our waters and shores. These provisions are wise and liberal, and are such as our whole commercial community are looking to Congress to establish at once by law, and do away forever with the hopes and aspirations of private parties to obtain a monopoly in ocean telegraphy. A French company, asking no exclusive privilege, is to-day knocking at our door for permission to come in with its cable, and every business man hopes that consent will be granted. By passing the Fenton bill this will be done, and, what is still more important, a general provision for ocean cable growth will be made. Let the Fenton

A VERDICT.-The coroner's jury has declared that in three deaths on the James Foster, caused by "cruel and inhuman treatment," the culpable persons were the boatswain, carpenter, third mate and surgeon of the ship. What pext? Shall we have a trial of thes persons, or is this the last?

"WANTED-A MORAL PURPOSE."-This is an editorial advertisement in a politico-religious journal in this city, referring to the situation in Washington. Whatever difficulty may exist in regard to a "moral purpose" at the seat of government there is certainly about immoral practices there-witness the Indian land johbing schemes and other ne-farious plots to rob the public treasury.

THE RADICAL WAR AGAINST GRANT .- The Independent-radical religious organ-of this city is out in a war against President Grant, with a smart rap at Congress. It says :- "The democratic party, ever lying in wait, have now a greater opportunity to regain their lost leadership than they have had at any period since they first lost it." This is a caudid adon coming from such a source.

HANDY IN CASE OF NECESSITY. - Chicago apers do not know what to make of the report hat General Sheridan is coming among them to establish his headquarters. They need not trouble themselves. It will be handy to have a soldier of such energy and decision on the Canadian border in case of trouble with Great Britain about the Alabama claims or from any

KILLING THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN Eggs.—The Buffalo Express says the transportation companies between the Northwest and the Atlantic seaboard are charging too much for the transmission of Western produce to its market. That is a fact. These excessive charges are in reality killing the goose that lays the golden eggs; and we are glad to hear from the Express that the merchants, farmers and people generally concerned in the imtraffic between the two sections are awakening to the necessity of a reduction of the existing excessive tariff of charges.

International Yacht Racing

In another column we give a letter fro London setting forth the views held by yachtmen there on points relating to the proposed international contest, and also on the same subject some recent remarks of Mr. Ashbury at a gathering of British yachtmen under the anspices of the Royal Victoria Club.

Mr. Ashbury puts himself handsomely in the attitude of a man who desires only fair play, His original challenge, it will be rememb required that the size of the boats should be found by Thames measurement. Our criticism was that this was unfair to American boats, inasmuch as their model-very different from that of English boats—exposed them to disadvantages under a rule adapted to the English model. We did not mean that Mr. Ashbury intended to secure an advantage of his competitor; though we supposed that his knowledge of the peculiarities of our model might be sufficient for him to understand when the fact was pointed out that we could not have a fair race unless he modified that requirement. We are glad, therefore, that he consents to such modification. It will be seen by his own words that he is willing to submit the Thames rule to the commodore of any English club for judgment as to the application of that rule to American yachts, and if it is decided that the rule is unjust to us he will, as we understand his words, withdraw that requirement from his proposition for a race, and even race the Dauntless if by equitable measurement she is found to be a fair match for the Cambria. We are pleased to note this spirited individual action on the part of the owner of the Cambria, and regret to note that the British clubs officially refuse to listen to propositions for the adoption of some better rule for their own government than that in

Evidently it is intended that yachtmen visiting England this year shall not complain of want of warmth in the welcome, as every paper brings us news of some discussion or preparation having regard to international contests. American boats will win no easy matches from the cousins over the water, and our yachtmen will be unwise to go out with an overweening confidence in the powers of their craft. Nothing can be more opposed than the ideas respectively entertained here and in England as to the form that gives speed in a boat. The Englishman believes in the socalled "fine lines" that make onward progress easy, and believes that a broad boat cannot have these. He therefore makes his yacht deep and sharp. The American believes that the way to make progress easy is to make resistance as little as possible, and avoids depth as he would defeat itself, contriving his boat to skim the surface. Now, may not this wide difference be the mere result of experience in two hemispheres-the result, indeed, of different waters and different winds? May not our model be the best in our own broad rivers or in the long sweep of the ocean, and the English model best in such chopping seas as the channel? Some experienced men here believe this, and believe that the Sappho, the Dauntless and Mr. Lorillard's new boat will all be beaten on the other side. They argue that the English have improved very much since the America beat them, and that we have carried our own model a little too far, may be; and that while we might readily beat the English here they will beat us on their side.

We hope that our yachtmen going out will keep in view the proposed race for at least ten boats from the Thames to Gibraltar. That

ALL RIGHT IN ONE VIEW.-The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle says there is 'less violence, less crime and more order and respect for law in the State of Georgia than there is in any of the Northern or Western States." As to respect for law, yes. But what sort of law? Lynch

"STILL THEY COME."-The rush of the has become such a nuisance that it is said an order will be soon issued keeping the doors closed against the hungry crowd until the secretaries shall have looked over their morning mails. Can it be that there is such a lack of employment in this country to its young men that these droves of them in Washington, or on the way there, have no other resource than the miserable vocation of office-beggars? The question is suggestive of a fearful demoralization through the length and breadth of the

CURIOUS LEAP-That of a radical organ in jumping from a Rhode Island orange grove to a Rhode Island clambake in order to ridicule Senator Sprague's speech on the "Great Danger of the Republic."

TIME LEVELS ALL.-President Grant and ex-President Johnson are both reported sick. It is not long since they would not ride in the same coach together. After all the same kind of carriage may convey them both, like all the rest of the world, on their long and final

"A CHAMPION SPREAD EAGLEIST."-This term is applied to Senator Sprague by the Albany Evening Journal. Something seems to be spreading in the radical camp, but it does not seem that a noble bird like the eagle would

"RUNNING A BLACKMAIL, MILL."-The Columbus (Ohlo) Crisis, quoting from HERALD an account of charges against a New York revenue officer for offering to accept a bribe, adds:-"It seems to be a better county here for this business than in New York. There they prosecute these enterprising adventurers for 'running a mill.' Here a man gets sued, with damages claimed that nobody but the editor of a live democratic paper could hope to pay, merely for advertising the public of who is running them." It make no diference in what part of the country the mill is run, it is certain that Uncle Sam is soundly robbed out of his legitimate dues.

VERY LIKELY .- The Albany Journal says selections from the country for offices located in New York will disappoint some of the aspirants in the metropolis. No doubt. But these aspirants, like the old lady skinning her cels, think disappointment is nothing "when they get used to it."

A FACT. -The Carlisle Herald says :- "The men who talk the most in Congress are not the most influential." It is a fact that most of the loud gabbers are the biggest jobbers.

old, wornout artists and the associated Bohemians to galvanize Italian opera in New York utterly tail. The season, so called, which has just closed has proved a failure, like the others that preceded it for some years past. Had it not been for Miss Kellogg the doors of the Academy would have been closed after the first night or two. She alone kept the opera on its legs even for the short period of its existence. In fact, the way in which Italian opera has been presented here during several years past has been an insult to the New York public. The artists have been second or third rate, and in the great capitals of Europe they would be regarded scarcely fit to belong to the usual stock companies. In the absence of a good company in this country the ancient manager of the Academy thought he could compose one of the drifting odds and ends of unemployed artists that might answer for a while. He thought that by swinging round all over the country and not staying long enough in any one place to disgust the public overmuch, and by the aid of the crowd of Bohemians whom he subsidizes

with lager beer and free tickets, he could suc-

ceed for a time. But the American people

cannot be humbugged in that way any longer.

They demand fresh artists, a high order of

talent and good management. Our people

country whatever is not advancing and im-

proving must die; and it is because Italian

opera is in this condition that it cannot exist.

Indeed, it has declined from what it was for-

cannot live upon the past. In this age s

Italian Opera in New York.

All attempts of the old Academy clique, the

merly and is no more worthy of the name. We see occasionally spasmodic efforts with other managers or would-be managers to revive Italian opera, but they fail, too, for the want of the right materials, means or knowledge of the business. And we hear now that the ambitious Fisk is about to try his hand and bring out "Lurline." The aspiring flights of this gentleman are as amusing as they are sensational. Like Alexander the Great, he sighs for more worlds to conquer, Having conquered several railroads and any number of railroad jobbers, crowds of Wall street stock gamblers, opéra bouffe, comedy and burlesque at Brougham's, together with pretty actresses and fascinating dansenses enough to make a large harem, he aspires to capture Italian opera and all the prime donne. Nothing short of putting the theatres and theatrical world under his feet, as well as the railroad and Wall street speculators, will satisfy his ambition. He is a man of most unbounded stomach. Seriously, we think his friends should place guardians over him, or he may in his extraordinary flights go up in a balloon.

But, to return to Italian opera, why do not such excellent managers as Grau and Strakosch join together and give us something worthy the name of opera? They understand the business and are full of energy and enterprise. Each has been successful and both together would carry everything before them. Mr. Grau will succeed for a time, no doubt, with the splendid new opéra bouffe, "La Vie Parisienne," which will be presented on Easter Monday for the first time; but opera bouffs will not always take and has nearly run through its career in this country. great want now is Italian opera, with first rate artists and good management. The people are ready for it. Mr. Grau is the man to bring about a revival of this highest order of amusement and of the public taste. Let him unite with Strakosch and bring out the finest singers and performers from Europe, with the best talent that can be found here. American people never fail to sustain and pay well for what is really good, and Grau and Strakosch can, if they will, revive and establish Italian opera in this country, with profit to themselves. It can never be revived under the old Academy régime, nor can it be run by Fisk's Erie locomotives. It can only succe office-seekers into the executive departments under some such experienced and skilful

> TWO YEAR THE COUNTRY PREFEDENCE Whatever the disappointed may say about the selection of men from the country for two first class federal offices in this city, they must acknowledge that one of them at least is a man of merit, while the name of the other adorns an excellent institution of learning.

> NOT FORGOTTEN. - The Philadelphia Press states that General Grant "does not forget disinterested devotion to the republican party. He may not forget it, but the trouble will be to find it among the politicians.

Good Friday in Wall Street. The several stock boards and the Gold

Exchange, in accordance with resolu adopted earlier in the week, adjourned over Good Friday, which they made a holiday. The banks and the private bankers, however, were compelled to remain open as usual, the day not being a legal holiday. Much confusion was created by the calling in of loans made to stock firms whose places of busin were closed, and the feeling became general that in future the day should be observed on all sides or not at all. It is befitting that a great Christian country such as the United States claims to be should be deferential to this solemn anniversary. It seems proper that those who wish to refrain from b on this occasion should not be prevented by the necessities of business engagements. It is curious that the motion for adjournment in one of the stock boards was made by one of that enterprising and liberal class of people who do not admit the divinity of the Savie but still respect the religious sentiments o their fellow citizens so much as this act evinces. The day is a legal holiday in England, and should be so with her young and energetic scion. The Legislature, now in session at Albany, could promptly enact the requisite measure to this end and prevent a recurrence of the confusion and annoyance which prevailed last Friday.

British Confederation in the West Indies.

By way of Havana, under date of yesterday, we have important intelligence from the British West Indies to the 11th instant, reporting from Kingston, Jamaica, on that day, that the English officers serving in the Antilles were hurrying on the work of colonial confederation with energy and despatch. Admiral Dacres had assumed command of the Queen's war vessels in succession to Admiral Mundy, and Governor General Grant, of Jamaica, will be